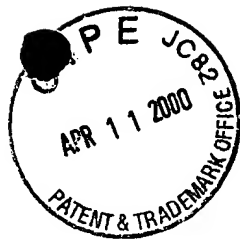


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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are also enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

Each of the listed documents was recently cited in a
European Search Report of a counterpart foreign patent
application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

The Search Report was issued on February 21, 2000. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. The documents cited in the Search Report may be pertinent for the reasons noted therein.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

It is hereby stated that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed due; however, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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